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## REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is being filed in response to the outstanding non-Final Office Action, mailed April 23, 2007, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request an extension of the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for two months under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). A Petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.